USE OF FORCE

USE OF FORCE AUDIT 2016

EPD - USE OF FORCE POLICY

- USE OF FORCE – Media, Law Enforcement Community, Our Community

- In 2016, EPD used reportable force in ½ of 1% off all calls for service/self-initiated activities.

- WHAT IS FORCE? – The application of physical technique or tactics, chemical agents or weapons to another person. It is not a use of force when a person allows him/herself to be searched, escorted, handcuffed or restrained.

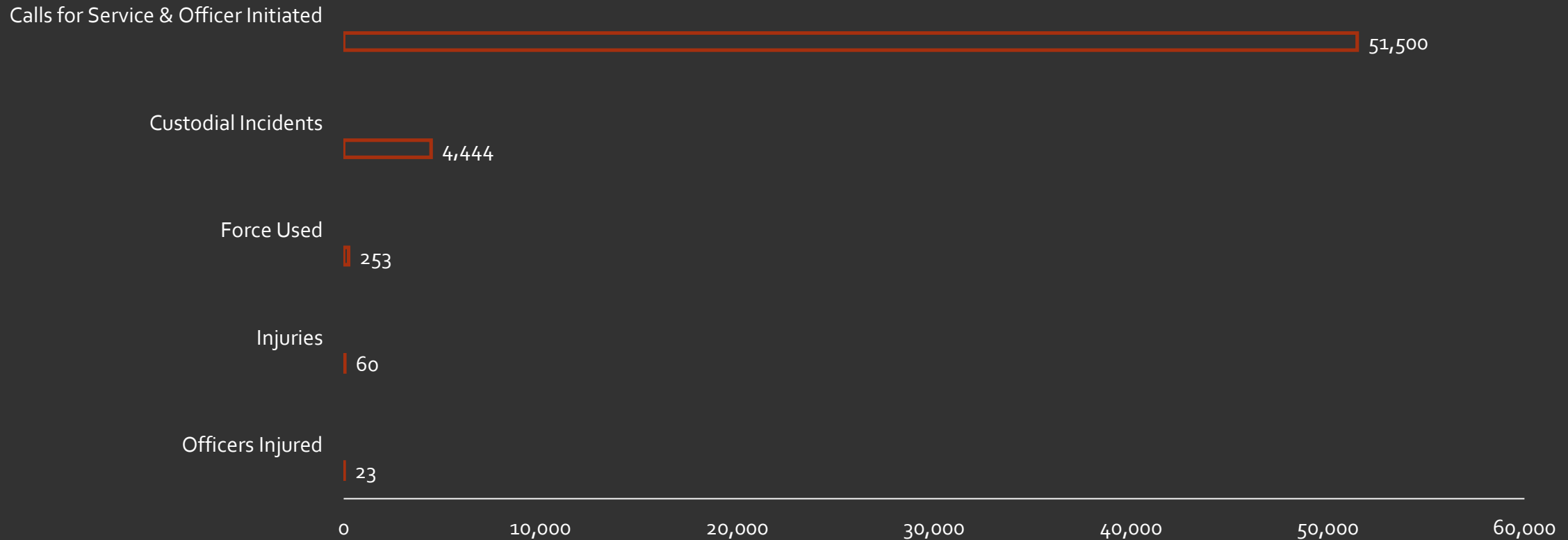- Understand & Appreciate our Authority and Limitations.

EPD - USE OF FORCE POLICY

EPD RECOGNIZES AND RESPECTS THE VALUE OF ALL HUMAN LIFE AND DIGNITY WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO ANYONE!

Vesting officer with the authority to use reasonable force and to protect the public welfare requires monitoring, evaluation and a careful balancing of all interests.

2016 - BY THE NUMBERS!

USE OF FORCE BY THE NUMBERS

Category	Value
Calls for Service & Officer Initiated	51,500
Custodial Incidents	4,444
Force Used	253
Injuries	60
Officers Injured	23

TYPES OF FORCED USED

- Pain Compliance/Control Holds – 100 (40%)

- Push/Takedowns – 59 (23%)

- Firearm Display – 58 (23%)

- Hands/Feet/Knee Strikes – 23 (9%)

- Baton/Police Nunchuku – 30 (19%)

- Taser Display – 20 (8%) Taser Deployed – 9 (4%)

- Overwhelming Force – 16 (4%)

- Less Lethal Display – 2, Less Lethal Deployment – 1

- Chemical Agent – 3

- Firearm – 1

- K9 Deployments – 50 (9) Suspects located and taken into custody – No Bites

TYPES OF INJURIES

- No Injuries – 181 cases
- Complaint of Pain – 19 (8%)
- Facial Abrasions – 17 (7%)
- Leg/Knee Abrasions – 7 (3%)
- Pain – Arm/Wrist – 7 (3%)
- Eye Laceration – 4 (2%)
- Arm Laceration – 2
- Pain from Taser Deployment – 2
- Laceration Lip/Mouth – 1
- Gun Shot Wound - 1

OFFICERS INJURED

- THERE WERE 23 OFFICER INJURIES REPORTED IN 2016

- Almost 1 out of every 10 reportable uses of force resulted in an officer being injured.

- Injuries ranged from scrapes to lacerations, muscular and joint injuries to concussions.

NEXT STEP

- The audit will be shared with our Defensive Tactics and Firearms instructors as well as our Watch Commanders and FTOs to identify training needs and decision making processes that we can improve upon moving forward.